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Raised Bill No. 5296

LCO No. 594

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE BINGO GAMES AND SEALED
TICKET SALES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 7-169 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (i) Prizes offered for the winning of bingo games may consist of
5 cash, merchandise, tickets for any lottery conducted under chapter 226,
6 the value of which shall be the purchase price printed on such tickets,
7 or other personal property. No permittee may offer a prize which
8 exceeds fifty dollars in value, except that (1) a permittee may offer a
9 prize or prizes on any one day of not less than fifty-one dollars nor
10 more than two hundred dollars in value provided the total value of
11 such prizes on any one day does not exceed [four] six hundred dollars,
12 (2) a permittee may offer one or two winner-take-all games or series of
13 games played on any day on which the permittee is allowed to
14 conduct bingo provided ninety per cent of all receipts from the sale of
15 bingo cards for said winner-take-all game or series of games shall be
16 awarded as prizes and provided each prize awarded does not exceed

17 five hundred dollars in value, (3) the holder of a Class A permit may
18 offer [an] two additional [prize] prizes on a weekly basis not to exceed
19 one hundred twenty-five dollars each as a special grand prize and in
20 the event such a special grand prize is not won, the money reserved for
21 such prize [may] shall be added to the money reserved for the next
22 week's special grand prize, provided no such special grand prize may
23 accumulate for more than sixteen weeks or exceed a total of two
24 thousand dollars, and (4) a permittee may award door prizes the
25 aggregate value of which shall not exceed two hundred dollars in
26 value. When more than one player wins on the call of the same
27 number, the designated prize shall be divided equally to the next
28 nearest dollar. If a permittee elects, no winner may receive a prize
29 which amounts to less than ten per cent of the announced prize and in
30 such case the total of such multiple prizes may exceed the statutory
31 limit of such game.

32 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 7-169h of the general statutes is
33 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
34 *October 1, 2002*):

35 (c) (1) On and after October 1, 1987, the division may issue a permit
36 to sell sealed tickets to any organization or group specified in
37 subsection (d) of section 7-169 which holds a bingo permit issued in
38 accordance with the provisions of section 7-169, as amended by this
39 act. Such permit shall be renewed annually.

40 (2) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
41 organization or group specified in subsection (d) of section 7-169
42 which holds a club permit or nonprofit club permit under the
43 provisions of chapter 545. Such permit shall be renewed annually.

44 (3) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
45 organization or group specified in section 7-172 which holds a permit
46 to operate a bazaar, issued in accordance with the provisions of
47 sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive.

48 (4) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
49 charitable, civic, educational, fraternal, veterans' or religious
50 organization, volunteer fire department, grange or political party or
51 town committee thereof which holds a permit to operate games of
52 chance, issued in accordance with the provisions of sections 7-186a to
53 7-186p, inclusive.

54 (5) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
55 charitable, civic, educational, fraternal, veterans' or religious
56 organization, volunteer fire department or grange authorizing such
57 organization to sell sealed tickets in conjunction with any social
58 function or event sponsored or conducted by such organization. Any
59 such organization shall have been organized for not less than two
60 years prior to the date of its application for such permit. Such permit
61 shall be renewed annually.

62 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 7-169h of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
64 *October 1, 2002*):

65 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 53-
66 278b and subsection (d) of section 53-278c, sealed tickets may be sold,
67 offered for sale, displayed or open to public view only (1) during the
68 course of a bingo game conducted in accordance with the provisions of
69 section 7-169 and only at the location at which such bingo game is
70 conducted, (2) on the premises of any such organization or group
71 specified in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, (3) during
72 the conduct of a bazaar under the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
73 inclusive, [or] (4) during the operation of games of chance under the
74 provisions of sections 7-186a to 7-186p, inclusive, or (5) in conjunction
75 with any social function or event sponsored or conducted by any such
76 organization specified in subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this
77 section, as amended by this act. Permittees may utilize a mechanical or
78 electronic ticket dispensing machine approved by the division to sell
79 sealed tickets. Sealed tickets shall not be sold to any person less than

80 eighteen years of age. All proceeds from the sale of tickets shall be
81 used for a charitable purpose as defined in section 21a-190a.

82 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 7-169h of the general statutes is
83 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
84 *October 1, 2002*):

85 (f) The fee for a permit to sell sealed tickets (1) issued to an
86 organization authorized to conduct bingo under a "Class A" or "Class
87 C" permit or to an organization specified in subdivision (5) of
88 subsection (c) of this section, as amended by this act, in conjunction
89 with any social function or event sponsored or conducted by such
90 organization shall be fifty dollars, (2) issued to an organization which
91 holds a club permit or nonprofit club permit under the provisions of
92 chapter 545 shall be seventy-five dollars, and (3) issued to an
93 organization authorized to conduct bingo under a "Class B" permit or
94 an organization which holds a permit to operate a bazaar or games of
95 chance shall be five dollars per day.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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